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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Tojo et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3726

Examiner: J. Gorski

Title: "Method and Machine for Forming Protective Film  
on Sprayed Coating of Large-Sized Product"

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated March 15, 2000, please consider the following.

**REMARKS**

The claims in the application remain claims 14-16, 19, 20, 26, 27, and 30-42, of which claims 14-16, 19 and 34-36 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

The Examiner has rejected claim 20 under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over Swidler '436, as presented at item 3 of the Office Action. It is the Examiner's position that when considered "as a whole" Swidler's